IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: PRODUCTION OF PARVOVIRUS

VACCINE IN PLANS AS VIRAL COAT

PROTEIN FUSIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-69 subject to the Restriction Requirement in the parent application.

Kindly cancel claim 71 and substitute therefore the following new claims.

- --72. A method of isolating a virus from a plant tissue comprising:
 - (a) macerating plant tissue in a chilled, neutral pH buffer;
 - (b) obtaining supernatant therefrom;
 - (c) adding polyethylenimine to said supernatant;

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- (d) removing precipitates therefrom; and
- (e) precipitating virus from supernatant of step (d).
- 73. The method of claim 72, wherein said buffer is pH 7.5.
- 74. The method of claim 72, wherein the ratio of plant tissue weight to buffer volume is 2.
- 75. The method of claim 72, wherein the polyethyleneimine concentration of said supernatant of step (c) is 0.1%.
 - 76. The method of claim 72, wherein said step (c) occurs at 4° C.
- 77. The method of claim 72, wherein said mixture of step (c) is incubated for 30 minutes.
- 78. The method of claim 72, wherein said precipitation of virus is with polyethylene glycol. --

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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

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